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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office action of September 29, 2004. Applicants believe that no petition or fee is required for entry and consideration of this paper. If any petition or fee is required, please consider this a conditional petition for any required extension of time, and a conditional authorization to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.